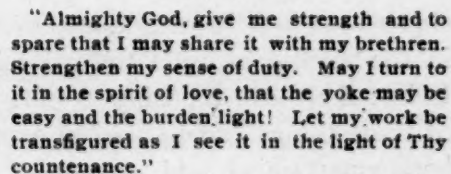


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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Our thoughts and prayers are much with our out-going missionaries, these days. Dr. and Mrs. Kennan are old-time friends. Miss Gowen has been introduced to *HELPER* readers and is already personally known and loved by many. Miss Coe speaks to us, this month, in an interesting little biographical letter. She writes, "The good wishes and expressions of interest make me feel more than ever that I am happy to be sent to India under our Board." We hope to hear from her often and know her better; to become better acquainted, also, with our new workers, Rev. and Mrs. Marston. Miss Gowen and Miss Coe visited Hillsdale, Mich., and were given a reception, on their way to the Pacific coast. They expected to sail with Dr. and Mrs. Kennan from Vancouver on the *Monteagle*, October 20. We shall pass on, later, some of the thoughts expressed by Dr. and Mrs. Kennan in response to toasts at their farewell reception, especially because they are suggestive to us who remain at home. . . . Dr. Ford's letter in this number demands careful reading. Wherever it is possible—can there be anywhere that it is impossible?—there should be an enthusiastic public meeting in honor of the 75th anniversary of our foreign work. Let us know more about the early days, and early workers whom we love to honor. There are sharp contrasts in conditions, then and now; there is a marked change in the mental attitude toward missionary work in America as well as India; there are amazing results in spite of tremendous difficulties; all of these things can be told in a manner that will make a public meeting both entertaining and impressive. Those who are preparing programs

for the December auxiliary meetings should also have this anniversary in mind. The purpose of the special call, from General Conference Board to our united forces for a general rally to raise the indebtedness would be defeated if any of our regular work should be neglected because of it. But the denomination is entirely capable of caring for its interests at home and abroad and of meeting this special need as well. As a part of the whole, the W. M. S. will surely stand by the work for which it is responsible and help in this critical hour by an extra effort. . . . Miss DeMeritte writes: "Please call attention to the fact that with November closes another quarter and everybody should make prompt remittances to Miss Porter before the 30th of the month." . . . Note Mrs. Andrews' announcement on fourth page of cover. . . . There are so many things to be thankful for, in this month of thanksgiving, that maybe we shall feel like saying "Thank You" in a very practical fashion! . . . Iowa reports that it has voted to raise \$100 more this year than last. A new auxiliary has been organized and new subscribers have been obtained for the HELPER. . . . The Batavia, Mich., auxiliary has celebrated its 25th, or "Silver Anniversary." . . . We have received the helpful Annual Letter issued by the N. H. F. B. W. M. S., also the attractive Calendar of the Portland, Me., auxiliary. . . . Several reports from Home Workers reached the desk too late for October, so must be held over. The closing chapter of Miss Butts' interesting journal, for which we have no space, gives an account of her voyage from Hong Kong to Calcutta, with brief visits to Singapore and Penang. She pays tribute to the grand work done by the Methodists at Singapore. . . . One of our missionaries writes: "I do not forget in prayer the needs of the work and the dear home workers." And so these invisible but mighty strands are crossing and recrossing the space that divides, binding us together in a way that will make our work more effective. . . . The *Missionary Review of the World* for October is full of heartening intelligence for the missionary worker. He who has a world wide outlook cannot be a pessimist. At the last national congress of India, held at Madras, delegates of every class, caste and creed sat down, side by side, at a common meal, thus violating all the laws of caste. "This," says the *Review*, "we regard as among the most significant movements of the day." A few years ago, some of the most influential leaders in Poona had to submit to most humiliating treatment because they had simply taken tea with missionaries. . . . Mohammedan women of Egypt, including members of the reigning family, have started a campaign to win for their sex the right to have a voice in choosing husbands, to put aside the veil, and to pass at will the doors of the harem. At a recent meeting in the grand opera house more than 4,000 women were present, representing the cream of society. A permanent organization has been formed and branches are being established throughout Egypt.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH

OF THE

International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
 Pass it on.
 'Twas not given for you alone—
 Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
 Let it wipe another's tears,
 Till in heaven the deed appears
 Pass it on.



All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

Another year has passed and we come again to our month of Thanksgiving. All members of the HELPER Branch should feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the work we have been permitted to do; hearts and homes all over this land have been blessed and cheered by our being banded together in the Sunshine Society. Our members never tire in the good cheer cause but respond to every call.

Mrs. Louise T. Mead is an untiring worker, as she continually sends out cheering messages aside from many gifts which go to those who need them. Mrs. W., another member, who is always busy in our Sunshine work, and never allows a month to pass without sending in an I. S. S. report, writes, "it is better to do the small kindnesses than not to do anything at all." Let us all follow her example. Mrs. Frances J. Herberth cheers many by sending post cards of beautiful California views.

Miss Julia Blanchard is convalescing after months of illness. She writes her appreciation of greetings received. Mrs. Louise R. Sprague has made calls on the sick, is passing on the HELPER and *Star*, also other literature and has given money and clothing to those in need. She is an earnest Christian worker, and the burden of her heart is that God may send out laborers into the harvest field. Miss Ida M. Batchelder gave \$5.00 "to be used where most needed." This generous gift was received with great gratitude. She also gave postage stamps and is sending out good reading matter. Mrs. E. M. Wilbur, after a long illness, has taken up her sunshine work again and has sent in a good report of kind acts. Mrs. Libbie Skeels is passing on her HELPER to an aged invalid, and gives a number of cards to be sent out.

Mrs. May Chatterton, who has remembered our needs before, sent \$2.00 for the benefit of poor children. Mrs. C. E. Batchelder has cheered one of our cripple sisters in a most helpful way. Mrs. E. W. Walker, who is always thinking of the little folks, has sent cards and money for their pleasure. She is also cheering others by sending the HELPER and stationery and postage. Miss Myra E. Cornforth has offered to pass on her HELPER regularly. Miss A. A. Garland, one of our regular helpers, sent \$1.00, a roll of literature and yeast cake labels.

One of our little sunbeams, Laura May Brown, celebrated her fourth birthday in a most shiny way by giving \$1.00 to make another little girl happy. When Laura is asked, "What are you?" she says, "I'm a little sunshine girl." We feel sure her life will be a blessing to others.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Ethel S. Folsom who is now Mrs. Elmer E. Howe, The Retreat, Tunbridge, Vt., and Mr. Charles C. Morrill of Pittsfield, N. H. We wish every blessing on the wedded life of these two I. S. S. members.

There is a call for nurses' caps for the International Sunshine Hospital at Bensonhurst. Mrs. B. A. Parker's Class, the Willing Workers, are making some of these caps which are very simple. A pattern will be sent to any one who will write for it.

The sunshine friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Liebhart will be surprised and grieved to learn of her death. She was one of our most earnest workers and will be greatly missed.

"Somebody near you is struggling alone
 Over life's desert sand;
 Faith, hope and courage together are gone;
 Reach him a helping hand.
 Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;
 Kindle, to guide him, a beacon-fire bright;
 Cheer his discouragement, soothe his affright,
 Lovingly help him to stand."

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"If you would get the best results, do your work with enthusiasm as well as with fidelity."



TOPIC FOR 1909-1910

October—Roll-call and Membership Meeting.
November—The Gospel in Latin Lands:
1. Italy.
December—Our Foreign Field.
January—2. France.
February—Prayer and Praise.
March—Home Missions.
April—3. Spain, Austria, Portugal.
May—Thank Offering.
June—4. Mexico, Central America, The West Indies.
July—5. Western South America.
August—Missionary Field Day.
September—6. Eastern South America.

DECEMBER—Our Foreign Field

(A meeting to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the opening of our India Field.)

It is good to be here, where in letters of light
The past has recorded its lesson aright;
It is good to be here, where the history that lies
In the ages to come unfolds to our eyes.

The future, its germs lie today in our hand.
Like our fathers we plant, and they who shall stand
A hundred years hence in our places will tell
That the harvest is good if the sowing is well.

By the memories holy that throng on us here,
By the graves of the past, and the hopes that draw near,
By the love of our Lord, by the wants of the world,
Let us work till Christ's banner o'er all is unfurled,

—Centennial Poem, by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, in "A Censer."

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM.

OPENING HYMN.

RESPONSIVE SERVICE—For what should we praise God?

Leader. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Psalm 140: 2.

Response. I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us. Isaiah 63: 7.

Leader. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. 1 Sam. 7: 12.

Response. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name. 1 Chron. 29: 13.

Leader. What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? Psalm 116: 12.

Response. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. Psalm 116: 14.

Leader. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance. Psalm 33: 12.

Response. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. Psalm 86: 9.

All. Now, thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place. 2 Cor. 2: 14.

PRAYER.

SINGING.

CATECHISM AND MAP EXERCISE:

A leaflet, "A Free Baptist Foreign Mission Catechism," can be obtained of Mrs. Chapman for one cent each; the leader may select the most important questions which bear upon the topic of the month, and call for general answers, or previously assign them to different members. Another should be ready to locate each station on the map.)

BRIEF PAPERS OR TALKS:

- (a) The origin of the Mission. (See Chapter 1, "Missionary Reminiscences.")
- (b) The beginnings of the work in India.
- (c) Pen portraits of Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, Dr. O. R. Bacher, their wives and Miss Crawford.

READING—Poem by Mrs. Ramsey, "The Censer," page 219.

Then and Now: A contrast of material conditions, mental altitude and results.

A glimpse of the progress of the years and the several missionaries who have a long time served our India work so faithfully.

Anecdotes of personal experience, both grave and gay.

A few moments with our new missionaries.

PRAYER for the Field, the work and the workers.

CLOSING HYMN—

"There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith we meet,
Around one common mercy-seat."

REFERENCES: Free Baptist Cyclopaedia, Missionary Reminiscences, Lives of Drs. Phillips and Bachelor and Lavina Crawford, files of HELPERS and Stars, Year Book, leaflets. (See catalog furnished by Mrs. Chapman.)

OUR NEW MISSIONARY, MISS COE

One who starts out to be a missionary must expect to encounter some mountains of difficulty. I was fortified for Oriya, for a thermometer at 105, and even a diet of rice; but who could have anticipated this, at the very beginning—a request from the Editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER for a sketch of my life? May I ask the readers of the HELPER, if they find my first letter a very dry one, to consider my subject and try to believe that with one more to my liking I might do better?

I was born in Ohio, which fact, if considered by itself, would put me among the good and great, and one always likes to be in good company. Cleveland was my home from my birth, November 24, 1883, to the summer of 1901, when, after completing my High School course, I came East to enter Mt. Holyoke College, from which I was graduated in 1905. My present home is in Madison, Connecticut.

I became a member of the Scranton Avenue Free Baptist church in 1891; was baptized by Dr. O. D. Patch, who was then our pastor. In a home where progress in Missions was eagerly watched and discussed, and where we often had the privilege of entertaining missionaries, I very early became interested in foreign work, and particularly in our India field. Dr. Coldren is perhaps responsible for my first resolution to go there. It was at this early period that I preached my first and only missionary sermon. It brought me about twenty cents, but has been the subject of so much laughter at my expense that I long since decided upon teaching rather than preaching as my profession.

At College there was much to broaden my knowledge of the need in foreign lands, and in my Sophomore year I became a Student Volunteer.

After leaving College, two years were spent in Settlement work, chosen as a practical training school,—one year in New Haven among the Italians, and one in New York City in a Bohemian neighborhood. In the latter place, the Head Worker having been called away, I was appointed in her place for the half year, and there had a most varied and valuable experience.

After a year at home, I still hesitated to enter foreign work at once, partly on account of very precious home ties; and was just about to decide on some home mission work in the South when the definite and sudden call from the Secretary of our Board caused me to plan for India sooner than I expected. On learning from the India committee that I should be needed for school work, a year of normal training seemed advisable, and last year was spent at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

I wish I might have known more of our people, personally; but I have known you all a long time through the *HELPER* and the *Star*, and I am sure Miss Gowen has saved some of the messages from Ocean Park and other conferences for me. I am just as happy as I can be over my prospects, though feeling my insufficiency more each day, and still worried over causing so much sacrifice at home. In this, as in other things, the cordial wishes and prayers of the *HELPER* friends are a great comfort.

Next time, I shall truly have something to write about—I think.

Your new missionary,

AMY B. COE.

Madison, Conn.

WHY I BELIEVE I FOREIGN MISSIONS

BY MISS SADIE B. GOWEN.

My first reason for believing in foreign missions is the fact that I have had a personal experience in Jesus Christ and I know it. If you ask the time or place I cannot give it, but it has been a continuous experience, growing better for nearly twelve years. There are certain generic principles in which all humanity is alike. Jesus said, "One is

your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren." There are family resemblances in the whole race, and if a personal Saviour is worth anything to you and me, He will be to any other human being whom He touches.

Another reason why I believe in foreign missions is because Jesus did. We love to quote in prayer meeting such promises as, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." We believe these; we love them; we believe that Jesus said them and fulfills them.

Have you watched the train pull out, bearing away from heart and home the visible presence of a dear one? Have you mirrored in memory the last look and words, resolving that each commission shall be carried out? When Jesus was going away, He left this parting message: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,* * * and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world."

I believe in missions because of the great need that they meet. The population of India is nearly 300,000,000. According to a book by Dr. Jones, "India's Problem, Krishna or Christ," only eleven and one-half per cent of the vast population of that country can read or write. Of these, eleven per cent are males and one-half of one per cent are females. Foreign missions establish schools from kindergarten to university.

While in New York I was going out one evening to talk about India, and I said to a classmate, a native girl from Bombay, "Krupabai, what shall I tell the people about your country?" Clasp ing her hands—she was full of enthusiasm—she said, "Ask the people if they do not believe God made the world for women too, and tell them the women of my country have no chance at all." Kipling says, "You cannot gather figs from thistles, and so long as the system of infant marriage, the prohibition of the remarriage of widows, the life-long imprisonment of wives in a worse than penal confinement, and the withholding from them of any kind of education as rational beings continues, the country cannot advance a step." He also says, "That Hindu child marriage evil has not been over-exaggerated by missionaries is evident from the latest Indian census which shows that in Bengal alone there are 538 widows less than one year old, there are 651 between the ages of two and three, while between the ages of four and five years the number is 3,861. No less than 31,705 widows are between five and ten years, and between ten and fifteen the enormous

total is 75,590 widows. In the presidency of Bengal almost every fourth girl is a widow." In all India the number of widows is estimated about 26,000,000.

The following incident in child life was told me some time ago: One day a missionary who was teaching heard a knock at the door. Opening it, a very thin little brown faced girl greeted her, saying, "Missa Baba, may I come to your school? Isn't somebody standing for me?" meaning isn't there someone in your home land willing to pay \$25 a year for my support. The Missa Baba was obliged to say, "No, dear, I can't let you come. I have only rice enough for the needs of those already here," and the sad, pinched little brown face turned away. A few days later the knock came again, the appeal was made as before and the same reply given. The Missa Baba prayed, and decided if the child came again she would have to take her. She came with the same request, and the teacher said, "Yes, dear, come in, God is standing for you." A month later the teacher learned that at just about the same time that the brownie entered her school a Sunday School class of girls over in America decided to adopt and support a child in India. The support was given this girl.

I am compelled to believe in foreign missions because of the results. Graduating in my class at Folts this year were girls from India, Japan and China, all the products of foreign mission work. I should be compelled to believe in missions because of their lives, if for no other reason.

Recall the life of our own Chundra Lela, also Miss Lilavati Singh, recently deceased, who was for years vice president of Lucknow College, of whom Benjamin Harrison once said: "If I had given a million dollars for foreign missions, I should count it wisely invested if it led only to the conversion of that one woman."

The reaction of working for foreign missions upon the home work and workers is evidence of their divine origin. I recall a few churches from whose membership three or more missionaries have gone to different fields. One, a small rural church, can hardly be surpassed in activity, both at home and abroad. I have observed, too, that usually those who say they do not believe in foreign missions give evidence that they do not believe in any other.

In S. D. Gordon's book, "Quiet Talks on Service," we find this bit of imagery: Jesus has just been welcomed back to heaven at the close of his visible mission on earth. He is walking with the angel Gabriel.

Gabriel addresses him, "Master, when you were down below on the earth you only reached a few of all people there with your message. What about those who have never heard of you?" The Master replies: "I called Andrew and he told Peter; I called Philip and he told Nathaniel, and they all told others and the others, still others, and so on until the most remote in time and space should hear the story." Gabriel must have understood the people down here pretty well, for he said: "But Master, suppose some shouldn't tell others and thus some people miss ever hearing the wonderful news. What then, Master, have you any other plan?" And the Master replied: "No, Gabriel, I haven't any other plan, I'm counting on *them*."

Troy, Maine.

TO THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES:

MY DEAR SISTER:—I am asking your co-operation in the special grand rally to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of our India Mission, and to secure at least \$15,000 with which to pay our debts and put a reserve fund of a few thousand dollars in our treasury. Ten thousand dollars will be needed to pay the debt.

The Conference Board at its last session appointed a committee to undertake the rallying of all our church forces in a simultaneous effort in behalf of our mission work. It was their opinion that we should make a strong appeal to our women, who have been so efficient in the past, to lend us their valuable assistance in this special rally. The date will be November 14th.

I have in my office 15,000 pretty mite boxes, very attractive, which we would like to get into the hands of the children. May I ask you to take up this special feature and see that mite boxes are ordered and placed in the hands of the little folks as soon as possible, to be opened on the anniversary day, November 14th. The mite boxes are glued and ready for use and shipped in cases of 24 each. For this special purpose we will let them go free, postage to be paid by those who send for them, per case, 11 cents.

I am quite sure it is quite necessary that we all be impressed with the crisis upon us, the large deficiency in the treasury and the necessity of making this rally day a great success, that we may come up to the next General Conference out of debt and with all our work carried successfully through the year, and let us accompany this effort with a strong faith and prevailing prayer. A local program should be made to cover the day's services, with a strong address and appeal by the pastor at the morning service.

Yours very truly,

H. M. FORD,

Corresponding Sec'y of General Conference Board.

Hillsdale, Mich.

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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society

MINUTES

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at Ocean Park, Me., Aug. 24, 1909, pursuant to the following call, printed in the *Morning Star*, according to the Constitution:—

"The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at Porter Memorial Hall, Ocean Park, Me., Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1909, at 9 a. m., for the election of officers and such other business as may legally come before it.

"ALICE M. METCALF, Rec. Sec.

Carolina, R. I., July 10, 1909."

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, presided.

Records of the Board were read and approved.

Report of the New England Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Webber, was read and accepted.

Report of the Western Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Kelso, was read by the Secretary and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was accepted.

Report of the Assistant Treasurer, Miss Edyth R. Porter, was accepted.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Minnie A. Milliken, was adopted.

Report of the Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Laura A. Hartley, was accepted.

Report of the Publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, was accepted.

Report of the Editor, Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb, was accepted.

Report of the Superintendent of Bureau of Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. A. D. Chapman, was accepted.

Report of Finance Committee, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, chairman, was accepted.

Mrs. J. M. Abbey of Vermont was introduced and spoke of Vermont women and their interest in missions.

Voted. That the Secretary send a letter of sympathy from this Society to Rev. Elizabeth Moody.

Voted. That we regret the absence of Mrs. F. S. Mosher on account of illness.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

2 P. M. Board met according to adjournment.

The President was in the chair.

Mrs. A. P. Tilley offered prayer.

Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following letter from General Conference Board was read:—

“GREENVILLE, R. I., Aug. 12, 1909.

To the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society assembled in annual session at Ocean Park, Me., Aug. 24-26, 1909.

DEAR SISTERS:—At the recent meeting of our General Conference Board, certain facts pertaining to our denominational proficiency in missionary and benevolent work were thoughtfully considered. While there are many things to inspire hope and courage for days to come, it is especially to be deplored that scarcely fifty per cent of our churches are doing anything in the way of systematic benevolence. It is also to be regretted that some churches which are contributing, are doing so less liberally and regularly than in the past. As a result, we find ourselves not only unable to enlarge our work, as we would gladly do, but unable to carry forward the work already undertaken, without great effort and a constantly over-drawn treasury. In view of these things the great question before us is: How may this large body of delinquent churches be reached and awakened to regular and helpful service in this important work? Knowing that your interest in this matter is no less vital than ours—indeed, is identical with ours—and that your form of organization is admirably adapted to the work of reaching these listless churches, it was decided by our Board to ask your sympathetic and vigorous co-operation, and the undersigned were duly appointed to present this matter to you for your consideration. Finding it impracticable to be present in person, however, we have asked L. M. Webb, Esq., of Portland, President of our Board, to be present at your meeting in our stead and to present this letter, with such explanations and comments as

may seem fitting to him. We have confidence that you will receive him cordially and that he will set forth more clearly than we could do the urgency of our petition.

May the Divine Spirit guide you in your deliberations and make all your work prosperous.

In behalf of General Conference Board,

Very sincerely yours,

GEO. F. MOSHER,
O. D. PATCH,
Committee."

Voted. That a committee of two be appointed to consult with General Conference as to ways of creating a greater interest in missionary work and to help in setting into operation any plans that this committee and these bodies may agree upon.

Voted. That Mrs. E. B. Cheney and Mrs. F. S. Mosher constitute this committee.

Report of nominating committee was accepted and the following officers elected. (See page 332).

Voted. That the amendment to the Constitution be adopted and read as follows:

That Article IV be amended by the insertion of the phrase "a Vice President at Large," after the word "President," and before the phrase "a Vice President from each Yearly Meeting," so that the Article shall read as follows:

"The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President at Large, a Vice President from each Yearly Meeting or Association Society."

Voted. That the matter of selecting the Vice President at Large be referred to the Nominating Committee appointed today.

Mrs. Lura Brackett Lightner of Storer College was then presented and spoke of her work at Storer.

Voted. That an expression of appreciation be given to Mrs. Lightner by a rising vote of thanks.

A Symposium conducted by Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder was held. Mrs. Cheney and Miss Gowan, our missionary-elect, gave interesting addresses.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

RESOLVED: First.—That our society favors the co-operation of such missionary organizations as can work harmoniously together in carrying out the great commission which has been intrusted to the Church of Christ, and embraces "Every Creature."

Second. That we commend the proposed movement looking toward the establishment of new auxiliaries, in order to increase our funds and to extend the educational influences of our mission work, and any other methods which have been devised by our special committees.

Third. That we highly appreciate the whole-hearted services of our missionaries in the field, both in India and at Storer College.

Fourth. That we feel that gratitude is due to all the friends of our mission, and especially to those who have made the new buildings at our college in the Southland a possibility.

Fifth. That we recognize the value of the MISSIONARY HELPER, and the faithful work of its Editor and Publisher; and we urge those appointed as its agents, and others, to make every possible effort to extend its circulation.

Sixth. That while we personally grieve over the passing of some of our members to the higher life, we are grateful for the memory of their devoted labors, and will strive to show ourselves more worthy of them by our increased activities.

Seventh. That by prayer and more consecrated effort we will endeavor in the future to more fully exemplify the motto which has been for so many years an inspiration to all our work, "Faith and Works Win."

IDA HAZELTINE FULLERTON.
ALFREDA MARIAN MOSHER.

Voted. That a committee on Nominations and also on Resolutions, each consisting of three members, be appointed by chair and announced at evening session.

Voted. That annual reports be printed in the MISSIONARY HELPER at the expense of the Society.

Voted. That any matters of unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee of Woman's Board. Adjourned to 7.45 in Temple.
Prayer by Mrs. J. E. Doe.

7.45 P. M. The Society was called to order according to adjournment. Mrs. E. H. Andrews presided.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. B. Webber.

Vocal response by Miss Doe.

Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. L. G. Jordan, Mrs. Daniel Whittemore, Mrs. Mary L. Wiggin.

Committee on Resolutions was elected as follows:—Mrs. J. W. Doe, Mrs. O. W. Fullam, Mrs. M. E. Scribner.

Miss Sadie B. Gowan, missionary-elect to India, was introduced and gave a brief address.

Miss Doe sang, "My Redeemer and My Lord."

Collection was taken.

Miss Rutnabae M. Laverkar, a native of India, who is studying in America and is to return to work among her Indian sisters, made a most sincere and convincing appeal for Christian work in her native land.

Adjourned.

ALICE M. METCALF, Recording Secretary.

FLORA B. BERRY, Assistant Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The duties of the corresponding secretary have not been arduous during the past year. In January some sixty post cards were sent out, notifying the officers of the conference of the Women's Missionary boards of the United States and Canada, and some correspondence has passed between the members of the executive committee. Only two reports have come to me officially; both of these were from Storer College. Miss Brady reports encouraging work along all lines, and especially good work in geometry; also an interesting class in American classics. Some assistance has been rendered in preparing literary programs and in chaperoning students at their various social functions. Miss Brady speaks in a very appreciative way of the co-operation of the teachers during her illness.

The note of encouragement is also heard in Miss Smith's report. Even the burning of Lincoln Hall seems to have been a cloud with a silver lining, for out of the fire there is coming forth a new and better Lincoln Hall. Miss Smith reports the average class standing as higher and mentions the need of a better equipment for physical training, add-

ing that the best use is made of such facilities as they have at present. There is a real need of another branch of work, "not in the curriculum," because of the pupils' lack of home training. Mrs. Metcalf's work at Storer was much appreciated and very helpful along missionary, temperance and social lines.

I received no reports from India, but a few facts have been culled from the Year Book and a letter to the executive committee. Miss Coombs has been carrying on the work in the same self-sacrificing way and has personally supported two girls at a higher school in Calcutta.

Dr. Bachelor's medical work has been carried on as in former years. A few statistics give us an idea of the amount of work done. There were 4,461 patients treated last year—886 men, 1,865 women and 1,710 children. There were 1,203 new patients. She visited fourteen ragged schools and conducted a monthly normal class. A large amount of literature was distributed and each patient received a registration ticket with a brief gospel message printed on one side.

Miss Dawson has had charge of the Widows' Home and reports good work in mat weaving. A native Christian woman has had charge of the home in Miss Dawson's absence. The work among Mohammedan girls is growing and the missionaries are very thankful for this open door. The kindergarten work has been very satisfactory and is growing so rapidly the government has hired a capable assistant to help Miss Bomwetsch. There are ten normal probationers, and fifteen pupils in the normal school. Miss Bomwetsch will remain until Miss Gowan is ready to take charge of the work. While Miss Coombs and Miss Dawson were itinerating the garryman and a young silversmith were converted. The latter has been supplied with tools and will remain in the Christian community and carry on his trade. On this tour large congregations gathered to hear the Word preached and a large quantity of literature was sold. The Bible women all passed the written examination this year. One Santal woman has been converted and also one whole family.

Miss Barnes joined the church at Jellasore when they got one convert from heathenism, according to her agreement with the native Christians.

There are the usual needs, *more prayer, more workers, more money.*

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE A. MILLIKEN.

91 Summer St., Lawrence, Mass.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES

MRS. ADELAIDE B. WEBBER FOR NEW ENGLAND.

"Just this day in all I do
To be true;
Duty for this day, not seven,
That is all of earth and heaven,
If we knew."

The need of loyalty to our work in the present tense was the keynote at annual meeting. We note, with gratitude to the Giver of every good gift, the enthusiasm, faithful attention to details and the persistent effort that underlie the success of the past year, and trusting that the present need will stir our women to even greater effort..

New Hampshire reports four new auxiliaries and Massachusetts one.

Mrs. George Henry, of North Woodstock, who has been transferred from labor to reward, requested that her thank offering be given for Dr. Kennan's work. Her husband gave \$250.00.

Three of the states publish an annual calendar, giving an outline of the work for the year.

Vermont contributes for Miss Dawson's salary and kindergarten work.

The Mission Study classes are growing in interest and numbers. In Pittsfield, Maine, the pastor has taken charge of the class and is making it very interesting.

Barrels have been sent to Storer and one to Barbadoes.

The Junior Societies are interested in taking shares in Miss Barnes' salary. A Sunday School class in Bridgewater has paid for five shares.

An effort has been made to secure young women for leaders and a Rally Day.

The Cradle Roll is still a feature of future promise in our work.

It was the delightful privilege of your New England secretary to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Massachusetts Woman's Missionary societies at the hospitable home of the President, Mrs. F. S. Mosher. About thirty were present. The morning was given to reports. A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess. President and Mrs. McDonald of Storer College gave interesting facts relative to the work at Harper's Ferry. Dr. Mosher gave an address on present phases of our denominational work. Then came reports of committees and discussion of plans.

Members of the new auxiliary in Brockton were present and were interested in methods of service. It has been suggested that this event include New England, with delegates from the Yearly Associations to the meeting held in Boston.

The eighth Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada was held in Boston, February 24 and 25. Forty-two Woman's Boards were represented. Short papers were followed by open discussion on topics relative to the departments of work. The closing service was led by Mrs. S. B. Capron, 87 years of age. She said: "You can never grow old with the Lord. If we have a life of service behind us, we have a mighty place on which to stand in prayer. We have only begun to touch the great interests of life when we hand them over to the Lord." Coming from the heart of one rich in experience, it was a sweet benediction and consecration for service.

MAINE—President, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, North Lebanon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell, Ocean Park; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. E. White, Bowdoinham; Treasurer, Miss Kate J. Anthony, Auburn; Supt. of Junior Work, Miss Annie L. Brooks, Portland; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Lenora L. Jefferson, Portland: Agent for MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. Helena M. Paul, Presque Isle; Advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park; number of churches, 198; auxiliaries, 39; members, 653; new auxiliaries, 2; HELPERS, 700; Thank-Offering, \$239.42. Total receipts, \$1,915.77.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—President, Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, Loudon; Vice President at Large, Mrs. M. S. Waterman, Hampton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Agnes Collins, South Danville; Recording Secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, Manchester; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, Ashland; Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Getchell, North Woodstock; MISSIONARY HELPER Agent, Mrs. M. L. Gregg, Laconia; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Foss Knowles, Bethlehem; Auditor, Mrs. Dora Cook, North Woodstock. Number of churches, 89; auxiliaries, 38; new auxiliaries, 4; Cradle Rolls, 26; Children's Societies, 10; members, 106; shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 11; HELPERS, 491; Thank Offering, \$414.40. Total receipts, \$1,975.77.

VERMONT—President, Miss Hattie Parker, Waterbury Center; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie M. Abbey, St. Johnsbury; Cradle Roll Secretary, Miss Anna Cummings, Montpelier; Junior Supt., Mrs. H. I. Kemp; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Lydia Blake, Starksboro. Number of churches, 27; auxiliaries, 6; shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 1; HELPERS, 60; Thank Offering, \$25.25. Total receipts, \$415.93.

MASSACHUSETTS—President, Mrs. Frances S. Mosher, 107 Howland street, Boston; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. H. Hook, 12 Wilson street, Lynn; Cor. Sec., Mrs. E. H. Page, 19 Nichols street, Haverhill; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Caverly, 339 Broadway, Lynn; Children's Secretary, Mrs. F. O. Robinson, 40 Cottage street, Cambridge; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Belle Toothacre, Lowell; HELPER Agent, Mrs. H. Lockhart, Cambridge. Number of churches, 17; auxiliaries, 6; Cradle Rolls, 3; members, 104; shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 5; HELPERS, 218; Thank-Offering, \$68.72. Total receipts, \$449.81.

RHODE ISLAND—President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 63 Barnes street, Providence; Vice Presidents, Presidents of Auxiliaries; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude L. Deckard, 116 Gladstone street, Arlington; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston street, Providence; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida F. Ricker, 32 Warren street, Providence; Agent for the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. C. H. Tilley, 15 Durfee street, Providence; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. Julia T. Mitchell, 28 Brook street, Pawtucket; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Ida N. Whittemore, 1 Wittemore Place, Providence. Number of churches, 33; auxiliaries, 11; members, 193; Thank-Offering services, 11; Cradle Rolls, 7; members, 162; Advanced Light Bearers: members, 51; HELPERS, 302; Thank-Offering, \$180.85. Total receipts, \$841.08.

CONNECTICUT—Thank-Offering, \$10.00. Total receipts, \$20.00.

All letters, packages or inquiries concerning Sunshine work should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

Summary: HELPERS taken, 1,771; money raised by Thank-Offer-

ings, \$913.13. Total receipts, from July 1, 1908, to July 1, 1909, \$5,618.09.

ADELAIDE B. WEBBER.

Somersworth, N. H.

MISS ELIZABETH KELSO FOR THE WEST.

MICHIGAN—President, Mrs. H. P. Stone, Battle Creek; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie E. Parsons, Eckford; Treasurer, Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis; Children's Secretary, Rev. Elizabeth Moody, Hillsdale; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Emma D. Mack, Cassopolis; Agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Miss Susie Vorhes, Kingston; number of churches, 93; number of auxiliaries, 32; number of members, 550. A large number of Thank-Offering services were held. Amount of money sent to the General Treasurer, \$801.64. Expended for Home and Foreign Missions. Other amounts were raised for helping needy churches, etc. Number of shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 14; number of Cradle Rolls reported, 7; number of members, 140; amount raised by Cradle Rolls, \$12.68 reported from Cass and Berrien Quarterly Meeting and \$2.10 from Hillsdale Quarterly Meeting; number of copies of MISSIONARY HELPER taken, 272, and three shares reported. Quite a large number of auxiliaries use the HELPER programs and several barrels have been sent to fire sufferers. Sunshine members have been reported from Cass and Berrien Quarterly Meeting. Interest in missions is kept up by mission study, addresses, agitation and the quiet, persistent effort of those who love the cause.

INDIANA—President, Mrs. Ethel Stoler, Topeka; Secretary, Miss Lida Moody, Brookston. There are 10 churches, 5 auxiliaries and 70 members. One Thank-Offering service was held. Amount of money raised by auxiliaries, \$290.00; expended for Missionary Collett's salary, Bible women and Hindu Boys' School. There are 2 Cradle Rolls with 38 members. Copies of MISSIONARY HELPER taken, 26. One society uses the HELPER program.

IOWA—President, Mrs. Thera B. True, Edgewood; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie Miles, Tripoli; Treasurer, Mrs. Nettie Zimmerman, Hazleton. There are 23 churches and 9 auxiliaries; number of members, 171; 7 Thank-Offering services were held. Amount of money raised, \$728.00;

expended for Foreign and Home Missions and education. Number of shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 1. There are several Sunday School Cradle Rolls. Copies of MISSIONARY HELPER taken, 100, and three \$3.00 shares; 5 auxiliaries use HELPER programs. One barrel has been sent. At the annual meeting held at Oelwein plans were made for more aggressive missionary work and a vote taken to raise four hundred dollars for Miss Dawson's salary. This is an increase of \$100. New subscriptions were taken for HELPER and an auxiliary with twelve members has been organized at Oelwein.

MINNESOTA—President, Mrs. L. P. Durgin, Winnebago; Secretary, Mrs. Inah B. Gates Stout, Champlin; Cradle Roll Secretaries, Miss Ella Hayden, Champlin; Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Winona; Agent MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. G. L. White, Winnebago. There are 19 churches and 11 auxiliaries; number of members, 173; number of Thank-Offering services, 13; amount of money raised, \$674.75. Copies of HELPER taken, 105. All auxiliaries use HELPER program. Two barrels have been sent to Mary Kimball Mission. The auxiliaries that are alive are very much alive. Interest is kept up by presenting our literature at the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, personal letters to auxiliaries and good programs. It is hoped that the Secretary can do considerable field work this fall. Several of the auxiliaries have done especially fine work during the year.

NORTHERN KANSAS—President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Alta Ashley; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Alice Gray, Haddam; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. N. L. Abbey; Agent of MISSIONARY HELPER, Miss Ethelyn Grover. There are 3 churches and 4 auxiliaries; number of members, 55; number of Thank-Offering services, 3. Amount raised for Thank-Offering, \$12.84. Amount raised by auxiliaries, \$210.74. Expended in Home Work and Foreign Missions. Shares in Miss Barnes' salary, 2; number of Cradle Rolls, 4; number of members, 56; amount raised by Cradle Rolls, \$13.64; number of copies of MISSIONARY HELPER taken in Kansas, 32; \$5 has been sent to Storer College, \$5 to Bowery Mission and \$27.50 to cyclone sufferers. There are 10 members of Sunshine Society. Interest in Missions is increased by talking Missions and helping wherever we can.

NEBRASKA—President, Mrs. Delia S. Wolfe, Tecumseh; Secretary

and Treasurer, Mrs. B. Haines, Firth; Children's Secretary, Miss Otis, Eel Creek; Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. Emma G. Murphy, Firth; Agent of MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. M. M. Myers, Geneva. There are 9 churches, 5 auxiliaries and 2 new auxiliaries; amount of money raised, \$100; of this \$75 is expended for Mr. Murphy's salary, \$25 for Barbadoes. Copies of MISSIONARY HELPER taken, 12; members of Sunshine Society, 3. Interest in Missions is increased by distribution of literature, special services at Quarterly Meetings and personal effort.

No report received from Wisconsin, but 39 copies of HELPER are taken in that state, \$24.18 has been sent to the General Treasurer; \$12 for Thank-Offering.

ELIZABETH KELSO.

Pittsford, Mich.

MRS. M. W. THOMAS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK, EAST.

The Superintendent of the Children's Department reports organized work in four states: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with a prospect of a Superintendent for Vermont another year. Reports for the year are difficult to obtain at this early date. Mrs. Ida N. Whittemore, of Providence, R. I., sends many helpful suggestions and record of work accomplished, by and with the children, in supporting children in the Orphanage; shares in Miss Barnes' salary; the holding of parlor sales, and taking up of study courses, each of which might be duplicated by many of our Junior Societies.

The Duplex Envelope which has been introduced in the Sunday School has largely increased the Missionary Offering.

While Vermont has as yet no Superintendent for children's work, missionary instruction is given and good work accomplished through the Christian Endeavor Societies, as is evidenced by the fact that the salary of a Native worker in India,—\$175—is paid by them.

May we again urge that the Auxiliaries everywhere will kindly aid the Superintendent in carrying out our "Plan," which is: A Superintendent for children's work in each State and Quarterly Conference and thus down to the local church, each of these to be appointed by, and responsible to, the Woman's Missionary Society of which it is a part.

M. W. THOMAS.

Saco, Maine.

MRS. HARTLEY FOR THE CRADLE ROLL OF LITTLE LIGHT BEARERS.

To the Officers and Members of the F. B. W. M. S.: Your Cradle Roll Secretary submits the following report:

MAINE—Mrs. A. W. Jefferson, Portland, State Superintendent, reports 21 rolls with a membership of 258; amount contributed during year, \$51.08; new rolls, 21; new members, 51.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Mrs. Herbert Knowles, Bethlehem, Superintendent, reports 26 rolls; 345 members; amount contributed, \$51.70; new members, 55. Manchester has largest roll. Cradle Roll interests in this state met a great loss in the death of Mrs. Ella Foss, who had so faithfully and lovingly carried on the work. She is succeeded by her daughter, who has her mother's enthusiasm.

MASSACHUSETTS—Mrs. Belle Toothacre, Superintendent, has 3 rolls. Chelmsford Street, Lowell, has a roll of 30 members, who contributed \$4.19.

RHODE ISLAND—Mrs. Julia T. Mitchell, Pawtucket, Superintendent, reports seven rolls; membership, 258; contributions, \$30.50.

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Emma D. Mack, Superintendent; has 5 Cradle Rolls; 3 A. L. B. rolls; total membership, 92; new members, 15; amount raised, \$12.68.

IOWA—Mrs. Clara R. Mayer, Tipton; has 2 rolls.

KANSAS—Has 2 or three rolls.

INDIANA—One or more.

I regret that this report is so incomplete, but I have not been able to write to all the rolls, as I did last year. I want to thank you all for the kindly way in which you have received the new supplies. While they may not be as elaborate or beautiful as some others, we have the satisfaction of knowing that they are *our own*, not borrowed from anyone, and at less expense than we had incurred formerly. I wish that

something might be done to interest more of our people in the Cradle Roll; so many of our churches have the Sunday School roll and think they cannot have the missionary roll. Really it is very easy to combine the two. It was gratifying to receive a letter from one Superintendent, who had charge of a large S. S. C. R., who said she found it only necessary to find time to explain the missionary roll to the mothers, when they wanted their children in that also. A little earnest work on the part of some of our ladies could do much for this branch of the Master's service. Can we not make greater efforts this year,—one and all?

Your Cradle Roll Secretary,

LAURA E. HARTLEY.

South Portland, Me.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

By cash on hand Aug. 14, '08...	\$16.61
By App.	30.00
By dues	2.65
By supplies	11.93

Total\$61.19

EXPENDITURES.

For supplies:	
Mite boxes	\$1.50
Leaflets80
L. L. B. mite boxes.....	8.52
Enrollment cards (L. L. B.)...	9.50
Enrollment cards (A. L. B.)...	6.50
C. R. leaflet	5.75
Postcards	3.00
Invitations	2.75
Leaflets42
Star badges	1.00
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	\$39.74
Cuts	2.35
Express75
Stamps	6.58
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Cash on hand\$49.42
 11.77

Total\$61.19

LAURA E. HARTLEY.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

The work of the Superintendent of the Bureau for the past year has been very much like the two preceding years. There has been an increase

in the call for the interdenominational supplies in some states and a falling off in others. There was a noticeable increase in the call for study books from Rhode Island, which state leads in the number of books ordered for the year, the Roger Williams church sending the largest amount of money of any church and ordering one book less than the auxiliary at Main Street, Lewiston; while Hillsdale, Mich., was a close third. The total number of books sold this year is 261, 55 less than last year, but this is explained in part, at least, by some of our auxiliaries choosing other subjects for study for the year.

The calls for Junior supplies, while not so large as hoped for, has about equalled the previous year. There has been quite successful work in some churches with Juniors and several have found the pictures of Miss Barnes and the sketch of her life helpful in creating an interest in raising money for her salary. One Junior society has been formed during the year which chose for the basis of study a set of leaflets in the Bureau telling about early Free Baptist missionaries and their work.

In connection with the interdenominational supplies, the central committee are planning to publish a magazine for boys and girls, called "Everyland." It will be about as large as St. Nicholas, 64 pages and cover; will be printed on good paper and finely illustrated. The first number will be the Christmas number, 1909, four numbers for the first year, and the subscription price will be 50 cents.

There has been some call for miscellaneous leaflets, but much less than when the Bureau first came to the care of your present Superintendent.

As regards free supplies, only the mite boxes, 1,000 each for auxiliaries and Juniors, have been needed to be replenished during the year.

Finally, the financial condition of the Bureau is the best it has been for years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BUREAU FOR THE YEAR

AUG. 1, 1908, TO JULY 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1908...	\$12.88	Supplies	\$111.07
Cash rec'd for supplies.....	148.41	Postage and postals	19.72
		Freight and express.....	9.48
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			\$140.27
		Cash on hand	21.02
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AMELIA D. CHAPMAN, Superintendent.

I have examined the foregoing account and found it correct.

CAROLINE M. FILES, Auditor.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We are proud of our HELPER. It is true to its name. The committee are gratified by the words of appreciation that reach it. The splendid Young People's number was received with much enthusiasm. It will be a glad day for the committee, and those more closely responsible for its success, when our magazine enters every Free Baptist home, and enstalls itself a companion of every Free Baptist woman. Are you helping to bring this day near?

The array of exercises, leaflets, and study course material, in the literature Bureau, are up-to-date and helpful. We are glad so many are finding this department useful in their home and church work.

This committee will provide denominational mission literature as we know the needs. Let us hear how we may help you.

LENA S. FENNER, Sec.

127 Cranston St., Providence, R. I.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF THE MISSIONARY HELPER

If you did not forget the editor's reports from year to year, dear friends, you would be wearied by their sameness, but if the same things are vital, they will bear repetition.

We often wish that all of the experiences that enter into the making of the HELPER might somehow radiate from it; for, whatever its shortcomings—and no one can feel them more keenly than the editor—no number is issued without a network of correspondence, much reading, hours of solid work, and prayer first, last and always. Sometimes having done all she could to procure a desired bit of information, a photograph, or the wherewithal to transform it into a cut, the editor has had to be still and wait. Thus far the fact or picture or check has arrived, sometimes at the eleventh hour. Occasionally, after having selected and arranged all the copy for a certain number, a very strong impression has come to substitute another thought for the one prepared for the first page of cover or the Quiet Hour. When this has been done someone has always written that that especial thought came at a time of need and was of real helpfulness. We do not try to explain such things, but we Free Baptists have always been rather good Quakers in our belief in following the "inner light"!

We have referred, naturally, to the work done for our magazine at Ocean Park; but we who make mental pictures as we read, see, quite as clearly, Mrs. Andrews at her desk in Providence, making up that mailing list which we all wish would grow and grow; Miss DeMeritte, in New Hampshire, or on the wing, writing Treasurer's Notes; Miss Porter in Massachusetts, preparing "Contributions"; Mrs. Lord in New York, gathering and scattering Sunshine; our missionaries in India, or on furlough in the West, and teachers at Storer talking to us of the interests we all love, through the only medium available at the moment; Mrs. Milliken in Massachusetts, and Mrs. Hartley in Maine, writing, quarterly, for the young people and children; and, finally, the presses at work in Saco and the people there who are none the less faithful, because behind the scenes, as we all work together in the effort to present a helpful and attractive periodical. We speak of these things to call attention to the fact that the MISSIONARY HELPER is widely representative, even in its routine work. We think of our home workers, West and East—from whom we wish to hear more frequently—and readers everywhere, as members of one big family, and we thank the many who have sent words of appreciation to the editor's desk. Apparently the new order has been well received in having the annual reports in November, a Christmas number in December, and a Young Woman's number in June.

We trust that every worker reads, month by month, the pages devoted to Contributions, and studies carefully the list of appropriations in the annual report number. It has been said that if our money were invested in steel or copper we should scan each day's report of the stock market to see what our investments promised. We have financial interests in large concerns, and the lists of amounts and the manner of their investing, as reported in the HELPER, are of vital importance to us.

Mrs. Milliken, who has been so faithful an editor of the Young People's department since its beginning in 1905, has felt it necessary to give up that work in the interest of an individual Cradle Roll. While we regret her withdrawal, we must rejoice with her in the very dear reason for it. We heartily thank her for the service she has so promptly and ably given for five years. The department will be continued and the name of the new editor announced later.

It has been possible, for several years, for the editor and the Superintendent of the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence to co-operate in a

way to benefit both the Bureau and the HELPER, and to make our literature more widely known and utilized by our people.

The Secretary of General Conference Board and our brothers in the foreign field have signified their intention of writing more frequently of the interests vital to our mutual work, thus making the magazine more truly representative; and a plan has been made by which certain missionaries shall be responsible each month for letters to the HELPER. We suggest that the auxiliaries appoint a newsgatherer to cull bits of information from current HELPERS and *Stars* for the monthly meetings. Facts from the field may thus be fixed in mind that might fail to attract attention with a casual reading. Another newsgatherer should visit the public library and watch papers and magazines for anything that will throw light on the subject of the interdenominational study, or furnish items of interest about world-wide work, the story of which reads like a romance in these days. We suggest, also, a magazine program for one month—it might be in connection with the Roll Call and Membership meeting. This has been carried out very effectively by the Saco, Me., auxiliary. The entire program is supposed to represent one number of the MISSIONARY HELPER; an editor is appointed, and each department, in regular order, is presented by a different person, the illustrations being living pictures.

We urge that in the new forward movement, the HELPER be emphasized as a necessary factor of our work, indispensable to the up-to-date auxiliary and individual.

The magazine will present outline programs and other helps to the study of the new textbook, "The Gospel in Latin Lands," and the Bureau will supply additional aids. We hope that all of our readers will unite in the study for 1909 and '10, whether members of auxiliaries or not. It is a significant fact to missions that over five hundred thousand textbooks have been sold since the beginning of this interdenominational study course sent out by the Central Committee of the Woman's Boards. We are glad to call the attention of our Junior Superintendents to the new interdenominational magazine for children, "Everyland," to be issued quarterly.

We renew our plea to individuals to be responsible for one cut each in the HELPER for the coming year, and heartily thank those who have furnished cuts in the past. Illustrations are well-nigh a necessity to the modern missionary magazine.

One of our workers in India wrote, in a letter recently received: "The HELPER is *very good*. If I were rich I would send a big gift of money to it." Will not someone, who can do so, send the gift that our missionary would be glad to give, but cannot? It is a joy to the publisher and editor to be assured of the appreciation and loyalty of those who actually take and read our magazine. How can we win for it new friends and a wider influence?

We have been deeply impressed with an expression of a Congregational sister: "Doing what we cannot"! How often God might do through us what we cannot do alone if we would but let Him! May we have faith that we "can do what we cannot" in every phase of the work which the MISSIONARY HELPER represents, as we unite in that beautiful prayer of a Methodist worker: (We like to connect our names in this fashion, for we are really all working together as never before in the history of the world) "Eternal God, I pray that Thou wouldst link my earthly feebleness to Thine almighty power. Let me realize the pull of the Infinite! Let me realize, even when I am engaged in common work, that unspeakable resources are on my side. Let Thy power make me valiant for the truth."

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

Ocean Park, Maine.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENT

To some people annual reports are as "dry as dust." It cannot be so to those who listen to reports that concern work that is world wide in its results, and that has to do with the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world. Out of the resume of the year's work will grow problems that must be solved. We cannot say that we meet the same questions year by year, for the demands upon the missionary periodical grow more imperative each year. Never have there been so many wide open doors as now, and never so much need of men and women and money to carry the open Bible to all parts of the world. Dr. Zwemer mentions twenty countries in which the Gospel has never been preached, and calls for volunteers to take up work in unoccupied fields.

How does this touch the work of the MISSIONARY HELPER? The missionary magazine is bringing to individuals knowledge of the many

opportunities, yes, even demands, of the unchristian world. It also shows how to help meet and satisfy these needs and demands.

Our own MISSIONARY HELPER speaks for 4,000,000 of India's needy people, many of them with open hearts waiting for the Gospel story to be given to them by our representatives. How can we place our magazine in the hands of many more readers for the sake of the larger work that it might do? This question we have asked many times, but it is still as vital a question as it has ever been. The solving of this problem would go a long way toward settling other questions. The appeal of the magazine to men and women for their service in mission fields; the appeal for money to support and enlarge the work in those fields, and the call to all Christians to pray more regularly and intelligently for the success of the work and workers; if brought to twice as many readers as we now have, would bring a splendid uplift to every department of our mission enterprise.

Let us consider the question of securing more subscribers for our magazine *the* question for this meeting, and the coming autumn and winter.

To effect this result we naturally turn to our Agents. First to the Yearly Meeting Agent, she to secure an Agent in each Quarterly Meeting; second to the Quarterly Meeting Agents to secure an Agent in each church in the Quarterly Meeting, and lastly to the local church Agent. World wide open doors constitute a call to each church to bring the news to its members, and the Missionary magazine is needed as an efficient helper in doing this. Is there not in every church some one who will take up this work with courage and vigor? It will not prove the easiest office in the church, perhaps not the position of most honor, but it is one of great opportunity.

The financial support of the HELPER has been greatly helped by those who have paid for "Shares" at three dollars each. More than \$150 has come into our treasury from these pledges. Notwithstanding this help, and with the practice of due economy, we have a deficit in current expenses. We hope that the future will see each of these "Share" pledges continued and many more added to the list.

We also hope for a large increase in the number of subscribers, for the sake of the work and of the individual reader and the treasury of our magazine. For this let us plan and work and pray.

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

63 Barnes St., Providence, R. I.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer, in account with the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society for its Permanent Fund for the year ending June 30, 1909,
Dr.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1, 1908.....	\$ 147.56
for bequest from Connecticut.....	\$ 200.00
for Littlefield Fund.....	285.00
for Porter Memorial Fund.....	3.00
from Working Funds for Tem. Loans.....	840.00
for President's House.....	1,401.91
Unaccounted for	5.00
from loan to Dr. Shirley S. Momson.....	150.00
from income of Cristy Fund.....	1,494.07
from income of Brewster Fund.....	35.56
from income of Porter Mem. Fund.....	53.30
from income for special objects.....	436.20
from income for general purposes.....	282.48
from income for President's House.....	7.95
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	\$5,194.47

RE-INVESTMENTS.

Cash for re-investment.....	\$1,450.00
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Total to be accounted for.....	\$6,792.03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for investment of bequests.....	\$485.00
for temporary loans	890.00
for salary of Mrs. L. B. Lightner.....	425.00
for salary of Miss E. V. Smith.....	375.00
for salary of Miss M. Brady.....	300.00
for salary of Mrs. B. McDonald.....	350.00
for Brewster Scholarship	45.00
for Missionary Helper and literature.....	53.30
for salary of treasurer.....	187.48
for investment of special gifts.....	31.00
for special objects.....	436.20
for commission in care of funds.....	118.84
for general expense	55.23
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	\$3,752.05

RE-INVESTMENTS.

Cash re-invested, including accrued interest.....	\$1,444.58
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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

HARRIET A. DEERING, Auditor.

FUNDS.

INVESTMENTS.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

HARRIET A. DEERING, Auditor.

Maine	\$1,915.77	Rhode Island	841.08
New Hampshire	1,975.50	Connecticut	20.00
Vermont	415.93	New York	208.36
Massachusetts	449.81	Pennsylvania	35.00

Ohio	21.20	Washington	25.00
Indiana	54.50	California	25.00
Illinois	47.50	Nova Scotia	26.00
Michigan	801.64	Quebec	15.00
Wisconsin	24.18	Canada	5.61
Minnesota	674.75	West Indies	12.00
Iowa	317.83	Misc.	921.91
Missouri	5.00		
Kansas	28.40		
South Dakota	4.00	Total contributions	\$8,870.97

THANK OFFERINGS.

Maine	270.73	Michigan	66.21
New Hampshire	419.67	Wisconsin	12.00
Massachusetts	102.85	Minnesota	99.97
Rhode Island	180.85	Iowa	103.58
Connecticut	10.00	Kansas	3.45
New York	18.75		
Pennsylvania	8.10	Total T. O.	\$1,306.16
Illinois	10.00	Necklet awarded to Minnesota.	

APPROPRIATIONS

BALASORE.

Miss M. E. Dawson's Salary.....	\$ 500.00
Miss Sadie B. Gowan's Salary.....	400.00
Miss E. E. Barnes' Salary.....	500.00
12 Zenana teachers	264.00
Bible Women	76.00
Hindu Schools	76.00
Widows' Home	168.00
Sinclair Orphanage	728.00
Kindergarten Work	267.00

MIDNAPORE.

Miss L. C. Coombs' Salary.....	\$ 500.00
Miss Ella M. Butts' Salary.....	500.00
Dr. Mary W. Bachelor's Salary.....	500.00
Brown Dispensary	80.00
Hindu Schools	349.00
Zenana teachers	334.00
Bible Women	136.00

JELLASORE AND SANTIPORE.

Two teachers and Bible Women.....	50.00
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	\$5,428.00
Outfit and passage of Miss Sadie Gowan.....	500.00
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	\$5,928.00

STORER COLLEGE AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. L. B. Lightner.....	\$ 425.00
Miss E. V. Smith.....	375.00
Mrs. E. M. McDonald.....	350.00
Miss M. E. Brady.....	325.00
Miss Eliza Sims.....	325.00
Miss M. E. Peyton.....	275.00
Industrial Department	425.00
Asst. Miss Virgie Brown (if needed).....	50.00
Mrs. E. C. Jenness (for teaching mending).....	25.00
Salary of Treasurer.....	125.00
Salary of Asst. Treasurer.....	175.00
Mrs. A. D. Chapman, Supt. Bureau of Miss. Intelligence.....	75.00
Cradle Roll	30.00
Thank Offering	40.00
Advertising in Missionary Helper.....	60.00
Free Literature	35.00
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	\$3,115.00

ALICE M. METCALF, Rec. Sec.

STATE APPORTIONMENTS.

Maine	\$1,000.00	New York	100.00
New Hampshire	1,600.00	Minnesota	600.00
Vermont	400.00	Nebraska	50.00
Massachusetts	550.00	South Dakota	75.00
Rhode Island	1,400.00	Kansas	50.00
New York and Pennsylvania	50.00	Indiana	100.00
Illinois	100.00	Iowa	400.00
Pennsylvania	100.00	India	50.00
Michigan	600.00	California	50.00
		Province of Quebec.....	50.00

"MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS.

Maine	1,000	Illinois	200
New Hampshire	600	Michigan	555
Vermont	150	Iowa	200
Massachusetts	350	Nebraska	100
Rhode Island	450	Kansas	100
New York and Pennsylvania....	325	Wisconsin	130
Ohio	275	Minnesota	200
Indiana	150	Dakota	30

REPORT OF ASSISTANT TREASURER

It seems at times as if the message to us each individually focalizes in a single thought; that emphasis is laid upon a single truth, though its presentation may be multiple.

In the fall of 1907 the S. S. Convention held in Lowell sounded to your Assistant Treasurer the call for the year: "Come, and see; go and tell. Seeing, saying."

Throughout the year searchlights from pulpit, lecture platform, etc., threw into bold outline the same truth, and gave vision beyond the at-that-time present activities.

It was not so much additional knowledge, as placing the emphasis in Christian service in a different way. Hitherto our activity had found expression in S. S. work and home philanthropies; interest in missions, other than home, being but general; and such interest, we now know, does not make individual the burden of responsibility.

We remember to have heard of a sermon, advocating universal salvation, being preached from the text: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be"; so our unintentional elimination of the little words "all" and "every" from Christ's commission to his disciples: "Go ye into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature" was as narrow as the exposition of the text was broad.

All the world! Every creature! How this broadened our horizon!

It has been said that vision without action is weakening. Opportunity for fuller service in the way of a much needed work with the children soon followed the vision, and the organization of our little Sunshine Band resulted. Then came the call to assume more duties in connection with the Assistant Treasurership of our own society. In this we have found double pleasure: the joy of helping send the Gospel to every creature, and that of being able to lighten our dear Treasurer's burden by relieving her of some of the routine work, thus giving her time for that of greater importance. In our mutual love for her and the work, we find a common meeting ground, do we not? In no other way than that in which they have come, could these added duties have slipped into our hands without sorrow and embarrassment, while to still be co-worker with her who has been our kind and thoughtful guide, our loving friend, is indeed a privilege, pleasure and inspiration.

The thought of the equipment necessary for any given service or work presses immediately in upon one and it is well that our mutual hesitancy has had the strengthening of the present year's thought,—that of the efficacy and power of prayer. Last summer's missionary conference at Ocean Park sounded the year's slogan of emphasis. A beautiful and tender climax came in Mrs. Capron's closing thought to the eighth Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards, when she spoke of the blessed ministry of intercession with which one is privileged when increasing years prevent activity of service. Or as she herself expressed

it, when the physical has but spiritual strength budding forth into the fullness of life eternal! One could seemingly feel the power of prayers offered from a vantage ground of service and vision by such saints in Israel as she herself typified.

So we come to you today with the changed vision. Instead of thinking of missions as a part of Christian service, we know it to be the sum total, of which all other activities are a part, missions permeating and vitalizing all.

And as a learner we ask your sympathy, co-operation and prayers that through faith and service our spiritual loaves and fishes in the form of knowledge and accomplishment may be multiplied.

Edyth R. Porter, Assistant Treasurer, in account with the F. B. W. M. Society for year closing June 30, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1, 1908.....	\$2,615.54
Cash for Temporary Loans.....	\$ 800.00
Interest on Dorm. Fund.....	14.25
Balance of premium.....	4.00
Enlargement of S. O. and safes from Sinking Fund	297.00
Contributions from July 1 to December 31, which includes all contributions for Pres. Home....	3,686.95
Contributions from Dec. 31, to July 1, inc. T. O. (\$1,306.16)	4,635.39
Pres. Home, Storer College.....	458.01
Lincoln Hall, Storer College.....	77.62
Check from L. A. DeMeritte.....	250.00
Pres. Sal'y, Storer College.....	4.00
Western Work	8.00
Int. Warren Nat'l Bank, Deposit Dec. 31, June 30	14.08
Missionary Helper Sub.	1.50
Cash, Mrs. Chapman.....	.50
	<u>\$10,251.30</u>
	\$12,866.34
Total to be accounted for.....	\$12,866.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash for salary of Miss L. C. Coombs.....	\$ 500.00
Dr. Mary Bachelor.....	500.00
Miss E. E. Butts.....	475.00
Miss E. L. Barnes.....	500.00
Miss M. E. Dawson.....	525.00
Miss Bromvetch	400.00
Miss E. Sims at Storer.....	300.00
Mrs. E. C. Jenness for teaching mending at Storer	25.00
Miss Peyton at Storer.....	187.50
Assistant of Miss Brown.....	50.00

Assistant Treasurer	125.00
Mrs. A. D. Chapman.....	75.00
Col. and Lit. at Mid.....	96.00
Town and Pri. School Mid.....	339.40
Zenana teachers Mid.	339.40
Zenana teachers Mid.	218.00
Zenana teachers at Bal.	280.00
Bible Women at Bal.	98.00
Hindu and Girls' School at Balasore.....	76.00
Widows' Home at Balasore.....	40.00
Kind. Work at Balasore.....	267.00
Sinclair Orphanage at Balasore.....	728.00
Special Asst. in S. O.	25.00
Teachers at Jellasure.....	50.00
Famine Fund	5.00
Satyandra at Balasore.....	12.50
African Mission	15.25
Ind. Dept. at Storer College	425.00
Special Contributions to Gen. Conf. Treasury.....	209.68
Specials for Storer College.....	19.00
Western Work	8.00
Shares for Missionary Helper.....	17.50
Loan to Missionary Helper.....	68.53
Bal. of deficit Missionary Helper.....	28.14
Special for Ujinda	5.00
Passage of Miss Butts.....	300.00
Loan to Miss Sadie Gowan.....	229.00
Porter Memorial Fund	28.00
Annual Reports	131.47
General expenses in free literature.....	44.55
Enlarging S: O. and safe.....	297.00
Advertisement in Missionary Helper.....	60.00
Loaning of working funds.....	690.00
C. R. appro. Mrs. Hartley.....	30.00
National Council fee	33.34
T. O. expenses	19.00
Mite box appro. Mrs. Chapman.....	13.63
Mrs. Henry's gift to Dr. Kennan.....	250.00
Postage, 500 postal cards, 500 envelopes and printing same	25.09
Helper subscription	1.50
Cash Mrs. Chapman50
Check to Treasurer for Pres. Home for deposit in Portland Bank	1,401.91
Total disbursements	10,372.49
On hand June 30, '09.....	2,494.35
Accounted for	\$12,866.84

EDYTH R. PORTER, Asst. Treas.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast
and well vouched.

HARRIET A. DEERING.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for September, 1909

MAINE

Augusta Ch	\$ 1 00
Casco by Mrg Brown for Miss Coombs . .	5 00
Chester ville S S for Miss Barnes	1 68
Dryden Mrs A D Taylor (by this gift Mrs May Taylor Ranger is cons L M in Gen Soc'y)	20 00
Farmington Q M for Ollie in S O	11 32
Houlton Mrs Fred A Thurlough for C F .	5 00
Island Falls Ch T O	4 00
Lisbon Aux	21 00
Litchfield by Mrs Emily Taylor Smith . .	1 00
Lyman Ch T O 4.00; Mrs Buggs dues 1.00	5 00
Mapleton Aux 8.00; S S Birthday Off 4.00	12 00
Patten Mrs Ellen R Hunt dues	1 35
NOTE—Credit to Mrs O W Fullam Portland in August Receipts for Miss Gowens outfit should have been 5.00 instead of 2.00 as reported	

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Centre Sandwich Lincoln Hall 15.00; C F 15.00	\$ 30 00
Dover H H & F M Soc'y Litchfield Fund .	7 50
New Hampton for Storer College	5 00

VERMONT

St Johnsbury Mrs Morse	\$ 1 00
W Topsham	7 20

PENNSYLVANIA

Spring Creek Ch Aux for F M	\$ 5 00
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MICHIGAN

Battle Creek Mrs Harriet Phillips Stone quarterly remittance	\$ 25 00
Calhoun & No Branch Q M S S Coll for F M	75
Maple Grove Aux C F	2 30
St Joe River Aux C F	1 65
St Joe River Mrs R Drinkwater for Dr Kennan's Hospital at Bhimpore	1 00

MINNESOTA

Champlin F B Ch W M S for Bible Woman in India	\$ 10 00
Hennepin & St Croix Q M outfit and pas- sage of outgoing missionaries	4 00
Madelia F B Ch balance of apportionment	20 00

IOWA

Cedar Valley Q M for Miss Dawson . . .	\$ 3 10
Little Cedar Aux for Miss Dawson	12 00

SOUTH DAKOTA

Valley Springs Miss Band Miss Barnes .	\$ 4 00
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MISCELLANEOUS

A friend for sal'y of new missionaries . .	\$ 3 00
Moulton Fund for zen teacher Gori at Balasore	25 00
Hanson Fund for Hanson School at Bal .	2 50
Income for K Work	1 28
Income for Inc Fund	1 75
Bachelor Fund for Gen Work	17 50

Total for September, 1909	\$278 88
Total for September, 1908	287 19

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.

Dover, N. H.

Per EDYTH R. PORTER, Asst. Treas.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of—to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, incor-
porated under the laws of the State of Maine.